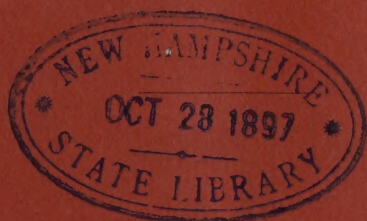


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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

JOHN C. PEARSON,
FRANK L. GERRISH,
WILLIAM P. ABBOTT.

TOWN-CLERK.

CHARLES E. CHADWICK.

TREASURER.

CHARLES J. ELLSWORTH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

WILLIAM D. COLBY.

AUDITORS.

HON. N. BUTLER,
LUTHER GAGE, Esq.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REV. FRANK HALEY,
JOHN C. PEARSON.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LIST.

CHARLES J. ELLSWORTH,
HENRY C. WADE,
JOSEPH G. EASTMAN.

DETAILED STATEMENT

*Of the Expenditures of the Town of Boscawen for the year
ending March 1, 1883.*

State tax paid state treasurer,	\$2,056.00
County tax paid county treasurer,	2,346.43
	<hr/> \$4,402.43

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid as follows :

1882.	
March 24.	Isaac K. Gage, bal. precinct tax, \$7.50
April 13.	E. C. Morse, digging graves, 4.00
	15. Richard Pevere, water-trough, 3.00
	1881,
	Richard Pevere, sheep killed, 49
	per cent., 41.16
May 8.	C. W. Marden, digging grave, 2.00
	15. Joseph Chandler, outstanding, 10.37
	E. C. Eastman, collector's book, 1.00
June 16.	George Locke, bounty on crows, .30
	19. Nathan Colby, bounty on crows, .50
	24. W. L. Stevens, sheep killed by
	dogs, 49 per cent., 6.00
July 1.	Isaac K. Gage, part precinct tax, 75.00
	Willie Kimball, bounty on crows, .20
	3. Cyrus Clough, Jr., repairs on
	lobby, 3.76
Aug. 12.	E. C. Morse, digging graves, 8.00
	23. F. J. Plummer, digging graves, 4.00

Sept.	15.	Geo. E. Kimball, lantern for engine-house,	\$1.00
	29.	J. W. Roby, digging grave,	2.00
	30.	Joseph Crowell, care of cemetery,	6.00
Oct.	6.	I. K. Gage, part precinct tax,	76.25
	12.	Charles D. Eastman, bounty on crows,	1.00
	14.	F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
Nov.	1.	Cyrus Clough, Jr., keys for lobby,	.75
	2.	Charles A. Chase, digging grave,	2.00
	3.	E. C. Morse, care of cemetery 4 years, \$6 per year,	24.00
	18.	Richard Pevere, water-trough, 1882,	3.00
	25.	C. J. Ellsworth, wood for engine-house, &c.,	12.25
	28.	C. W. Folsom, bounty on crows,	1.70
Dec.	2.	F. J. Plummer, digging grave,	2.00
	18.	F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
	23.	M. E. Haines, paints and labor,	4.50
		F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
	27.	N. S. Webster, water-trough,	3.00
1883.			
Jan.	2.	Isaac K. Gage, water-trough,	3.00
	3.	Isaac K. Gage, part of precinct tax,	76.25
	5.	Dr. G. P. Titcomb, return of births and deaths,	.25
	27.	N. S. Webster, bounty on crows,	.20
		C. W. Folsom, " Ben. W. Rowell, " W. P. Abbott, paid sundry persons bounty on crows,	1.50 2.60 1.70
Feb.	30.	Brown & Foote, lantern for bridge,	1.54
	12.	W. M. Chase, referee,	2.50
		C. J. Ellsworth, wood for engine-house,	11.60
	15.	Mary L. Dodge and sisters, water-trough,	3.00

Feb.	15.	Pay-roll, Torrent Engine Co.,	\$250.00	
		T. O. Wilson, repairs on engine,	5.00	
	17.	Albert Brown, sheep killed by dogs,	5.50	
	24.	F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00	
		Dr. E. E. Graves, return of births and deaths,	5.75	
		S. G. Noyes, school-books for poor children,	4.56	
	26.	C. E. Chadwick, books, stationery, &c.,	5.05	
		C. W. Carter, dog tax,	2.00	
	27.	S. G. Noyes, printing,	6.30	
		Republican Press Association,	35.00	
		W. P. Abbott, horse-hire and expenses,	5.00	
		F. L. Gerrish, board of selectmen,	11.00	
		Frank L. Gerrish, horse-hire and expenses,	8.00	
		James H. Gill, care of town hall,	5.00	
		J. C. Pearson, horse-hire and expenses,	25.00	
	28.	L. W. Couch, removing fence,	3.50	
		W. D. Colby, collector, discount on taxes paid on or before July 1, 1882,	327.86	
				\$1,122.90

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid as follows :

March	24.	Isaac K. Gage, lighting twin bridge, &c.,	\$57.31
	31.	Frank Peverly, lighting Canterbury bridge,	15.00
May	16.	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, plank,	48.30
June	22.	W. B. Burpee, agt., work on road,	13.50
	24.	G. W. Fisher, plank, &c.,	2.80
		F. L. Burbank & Son,	89.19

July	1.	Henry Coffin, agt., work on road,	\$19.00
		Joseph Crowell, agt., work on road,	4.15
		T. D. Little, plank,	10.98
		Geo. T. Sanborn, work on Beaver Dam bridge,	4.00
	6.	L. T. Boyce, agt., work on road,	30.00
	13.	Frederick Gilman, agt., work on road,	114.38
Aug.	3.	George Chadwick, agt., work on road,	18.99
	26.	George H. Folsom, " "	28.43
	31.	F. L. Burbank & Son, lumber,	25.50
Sept.	2.	Frederick Gilman, agt., work on road,	147.21
	9.	F. L. Burbank & Son, lumber,	10.58
	13.	L. T. Boyce, agt., work on road,	50.00
	23.	Concord Axle Co., iron work,	15.13
	29.	Frank Peverly, lighting Canterbury bridge,	15.00
Oct.	6.	Frederick Gilman, agt., work on road,	55.90
		Frank L. Gerrish, agt., work on road,	60.00
	28.	Folsom Bros., plank,	5.45
		Charles J. Rand, agt.,	17.00
		Frank L. Gerrish, agt.,	14.35
	29.	E. B. Atkinson, cutting bushes on road,	6.00
Nov.	2.	Frederick Gilman, agt., work on road,	108.83
	4.	Ira N. Colby, agt., work on road,	19.84
	10.	W. C. Marden, agt., work on road,	2.55
		Brown, Russ & Sullivan,	15.61
		Russ & Sullivan, timber,	13.10
	18.	Richard Peverly, agt., work on road,	41.14
	25.	John Whitaker & Co., lumber,	52.29

Nov.	25.	Geo. S. Watson, work on road,	\$3.00
Dec.	1.	Frederick Gilman, agt.,	41.89
	8.	F. L. Sweatland, agt.,	13.80
	14.	L. T. Boyce, gravel, &c.,	5.00
		L. T. Boyce, agt., work on road,	16.90
	27.	N. S. Webster, work on road,	1.00
	30.	Wm. F. Abbott, lumber, work,	
		&c.,	14.01
		Benj. Rowell, work on road,	2.50

1883.

Jan.	12.	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, lumber,	
		labor, &c.,	17.25
	24.	P. M. Chadwick, work, and dam-	
		age to land,	3.50
		John A. McClure, agent, work	
		on road,	21.90
Feb.	7.	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, lumber,	1.76
	24.	George Chadwick, work on road,	8.00
		Folsom Bros., work,	6.75
		Fred'k Gilman, agt., and snowing	
		bridge,	44.55
		Bradley Atkinson, work on road,	1.00
	26.	J. G. Eastman, work on road,	1.50
		N. S. Webster, work on road,	4.40
	27.	L. T. Boyce, agt., work on road	
		and snowing bridge,	13.25
		W. B. Burpee, agt., work on road,	2.20
		W. P. Abbott, agt., “	34.50
		F. L. Gerrish, agt., “	9.00
		Henry L. Ferrin, damage to land,	4.00
		W. P. Abbott, work on Morse	
		hill,	7.50
		C. J. Rand, agt., work on road,	24.70
		Frank L. Gerrish, paid for work	
		on Canterbury bridge (one half	
		paid by town of Canterbury, as	
		per treasurer's report), as fol-	
		lows:	7.00
		James V. Smith, teaming,	7.00

Feb.	27.	Humphrey, Dodge & Smith,	
		nails,	\$23.63
		George Russell,	1.25
		F. L. Burbank & Son,	20.25
		Concord Axle Co.,	9.82
		F. D. Johnson,	10.12
		Freight on lumber,	23.00
		C. W. Carter, nails,	2.65
		Joseph Carter,	32.00
		John Seavey,	2.00
		J. Cogswell,	7.50
		Frank W. Hale,	29.25
		Walter Muzzey,	5.00
		James Moore & Son, nails,	4.75
		Samuel C. Pickard,	51.87
		Ira Whitcher, lumber,	349.62
		Roscoe Boyce,	1.50
		Frank L. Gerrish,	25.00
		David Clough,	5.50
		Freight on nails,	.25
		Concord Axle Co.,	14.52
		F. L. Gerrish, telegram and ex-	
		press,	.75
		Freight on lumber,	23.00
		Millard Emery,	5.50
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			\$2,091.15

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Paid as follows on county charges :

April	24.	J. C. Pearson, aid to Dennis	
		Curtis,	\$10.00
June	15.	Mrs. Ellen S. Royce, aid to Aus-	
		tena Wagner,	6.00
	16.	J. C. Pearson, care of transients,	.60
	24.	C. W. Carter, aid to Joseph	
		Chase,	44.00
July	6.	J. A. Coburn, aid to Charles Da-	
		vis,	14.50

July	29.	Foote & Morse, aid to Mrs. Ma- son,	\$8.00
		Foote & Morse, aid to G. C. Lord,	5.00
Aug.	17.	C. W. Carter, aid to Joseph Chase,	19.71
	25.	Mrs. Sargent, nursing Mrs. John Hanson,	11.00
Sept.	15.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Charles Davis,	87.41
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to John Hanson,	12.68
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to George C. Lord,	5.00
Nov.	3.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Nellie Ladieu,	1.50
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to John Hanson,	7.23
Dec.	19.	J. A. Coburn, aid to John Han- son,	6.50
	23.	W. Arthur Bean, aid to Harry Warrington,	1.85
	30.	C. J. Ellsworth, aid to Charles Curtis,	10.00
1883.			
Jan.	12.	Ann Dolan, aid to John Brown,	12.00
	13.	J. P. Sanders & Son, aid to John Brown,	8.00
		J. P. Sanders & Son, aid to L. A. Gordon,	10.00
Feb.	1.	Frank L. Gerrish, aid to tran- sients,	2.00
		L. W. Couch, aid to Harry War- rington,	2.26
		Foote & Morse, aid to Harry Warrington,	11.92
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Harry Warrington,	3.22
		C. E. Chadwick, aid to Joseph Chase,	1.25

Feb.	1.	C. W. Carter, aid to Louis Gravelin,	\$2.40
		C. W. Carter, aid to Lewis Bassett,	5.00
		Brown & Foote, aid to C. M. Davis,	9.50
		Brown & Footè, aid to Geo. C. Lord,	3.75
		Brown & Foote, aid to John Brown,	5.00
		J. C. Pearson, aid to John Brown,	.68
		A. G. Kimball, aid to transients,	4.50
		Dr. A. C. Alexander, aid to John Brown,	5.00
		Dr. A. C. Alexander, aid to Nellie Ladieu,	10.00
		A. G. Kimball, aid to Mrs. Mason,	1.85
		Foote & Morse, aid to George C. Lord,	5.00
		G. E. Kimball, aid to John Hanson,	5.00
		G. E. Kimball, aid to C. M. Davis,	4.00
		A. G. Kimball, aid to Nellie Ladieu,	1.55
		J. C. Pearson, aid to Austena Wagner,	3.00
		Dr. A. C. Emery, aid to Austena Wagner,	5.00
		C. W. Carter, aid to transient,	2.00

Paid by Town of Gilmanton.

Sept.	15.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Mrs. Battis,	\$3.91
Nov.	3.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Mrs. Battis,	29.18

Paid by Town of Boscarwen.

March 16.	Mrs. Sarah Gerald, aid to William F. Chase,	\$6.00
Sept. 15.	George E. Kimball, aid to Frank J. Plummer,	26.50
Nov. 3.	George E. Kimball, aid to Frank J. Plummer,	5.00
1883.		
Jan. 1.	John Shaw, aid to Frank J. Plummer,	50.00
Feb. 24.	Dr. E. E. Graves, aid to Frank J. Plummer,	9.40
	C. W. Carter, aid to Frank J. Plummer,	4.00
27.	Dr. N. H. Arey, aid to Frank J. Plummer,	9.00
28.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Frank J. Plummer,	9.00
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		\$527.36

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1882, \$2,065.00

Paid as follows :

District No. 1.

C. W. Carter, prudential committee, \$259.00

District No. 2.

Fernanda P. George, prudential committee, 125.00

District No. 3.

Ira W. Colby, prudential committee, 226.00

District No. 4.

C. J. Rand, prudential committee, 100.00

District No. 5.

M. K. Howser, prudential committee, 125.00

District No. 6.

John A. McClure, prudential committee, \$130.00

District No. 7.

Joseph Chandler, prudential committee, 1,100.00
 \$2,065.00

Paid Rev. Frank Haley, school committee, \$40.00
 " John C. Pearson, " 10.00
 50.00
 \$2,115.00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid as follows :

John C. Pearson, services as selectman, overseer of poor, etc., \$130.00
 Frank L. Gerrish, services as selectman, overseer of poor, etc., 85.00
 William P. Abbott, services as selectman, overseer of poor, etc., 65.50
 Charles E. Chadwick, town-clerk, 39.00
 Charles J. Ellsworth, treasurer, 50.00
 William D. Colby, collector of taxes, 100.00
 Hon. N. Butler, auditor, 2.00
 Luther Gage, Esq., auditor, 2.00
 Charles J. Ellsworth, supervisor, 15.00
 Henry G. Wade, " 15.00
 Joseph G. Eastman, " 15.00
 \$518.50

REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL.

Appropriation, \$500.00

Paid as follows :

Uran, painting, \$94.70
 Fellows, mason work, 2.50
 Jeremiah Rolfe, 2.85
 For chandelier, 5.00

George Neller,	\$5.00	
C. W. Carter,	9.32	
Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, drain,	9.75	
John S. Foster,	3.00	
Brown & Foote,	.75	
John Seavey, repairing settees,	2.00	
George Atkinson,	38.00	
C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, sheathing and blinds,	175.18	
Alonzo Knowlton, painting wall,	6.65	
Brown & Foote, screws, knobs, etc.,	4.62	
George Pillsbury, hanging blinds, etc.,	10.91	
Bradley Atkinson,	44.00	
N. S. Gale,	1.39	
Brown & Foote, lamps,	8.00	
Isaac Baty, material and labor,	12.45	
F. L. Burbank & Son, lumber,	45.78	
Mrs. James, cleaning hall,	2.00	
Frank Gerrish, material furnished, and labor paid,	15.15	
	<hr/>	\$500.00

ENGINE-HOUSE, FISHERVILLE.

Appropriation, \$2,500.00

Paid as follows :

Hannibal Bonney, for land,	\$450.00	
John Welch, stone-work and grading,	180.00	
George Neller, mason-work,	1,050.00	
Charles W. Davis, wood-work and paint- ing,	745.29	
L. B. Blanchard, hammered stone,	30.00	
Dow, Wheeler & Co., architects,	41.00	
Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, drain-pipes, etc.,	3.11	
Recording deed,	.60	
	<hr/>	\$2,500.00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid to William D. Colby, collector, on list of 1882, \$49.56

NOTE PAID.

Paid Torrent Engine Co., note and interest,	\$336.84
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POLICE OFFICERS AND CONSTABLES.

Paid Benjamin F. Butler, constable, notifying town officers,	\$10.66	
Austin G. Kimball, policeman,	20.00	
Moses E. Haines, “	20.00	
Charles M. Boyce, “	20.00	
Henry Sweet, “	10.00	
C. W. Carter, “	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$90.66

ATTORNEY FEES.

Paid Hon. N. Butler, counsel for town,	\$10.00	
fees and services in Wier's road case,	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$28.00

RECAPITULATION.

State and county taxes,	\$4,402.43	
Miscellaneous accounts,	1,122.90	
Roads and bridges,	2,091.15	
Aid for the poor,	527.36	
Schools,	2,115.00	
Town officers,	518.50	
Town hall,	500.00	
Engine-house, Fisherville,	2,500.00	
Abatement of taxes,	49.56	
Notes paid,	336.84	
Police officers and constables,	90.66	
Attorney fees,	28.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,282.40

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Royal Choate, notes,	\$380.00
School District No. 7, J. Chandler, prudential committee,	257.86
Samuel Choate, note,	300.00

Chas. D. Glidden, note,	\$1,500.00
John Whitaker, note,	500.00
Isaac P. Sargent, notes,	1,000.00
Shepard Phillips, note,	500.00
Estimated interest,	105.00
	<hr/> \$4,542.86

ASSETS.

Cow at Frank Plummer's,	\$30.00
J. P. Hubbard, collector, 1875,	125.24
W. D. Colby, " 1881,	353.54
" " 1882,	1,595.38
Cash in hands of treasurer,	104.56
	<hr/> \$2,208.72
<i>Balance against the town,</i>	<hr/> \$2,334.14

J. C. PEARSON,
FRANK L. GERRISH,
WILLIAM P. ABBOTT,

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor in Boscawen.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, auditors of the accounts of the treasurer and selectmen for the year 1882-3, report that they have examined the accounts, and find the receipts to have been, from Feb. 20, 1882, to March 1, 1883, \$14,412.90; and the disbursements by the treasurer to have been, on outstanding orders and on orders drawn in 1882-3, \$14,308.34, leaving in the hands of the treasurer a balance of \$104.56. We also find the amount of claims allowed and orders drawn by the selectmen of 1882-3 to be \$14,282.40, all of which accounts are properly vouched and correctly cast.

N. BUTLER,
LUTHER GAGE,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF BOSCAWEN.

The treasurer respectfully submits his annual report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 28, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received of former treasurer as per last report,	\$36.40
W. D. Colby, collector taxes 1881,	198.50
“ “ 1882,	8,240.87
Money borrowed,	3,500.00
J. C. Pearson, license for show,	3.00
“ lumber,	16.76
“ old engine house,	105.00
Town of Canterbury on bridge,	327.68
Merrimack county, aid to poor,	369.82
State of New Hampshire railroad tax,	417.77
“ “ savings-bank tax,	924.35
“ “ literary fund,	53.36
Little, Brown & Co., for Law Reports,	175.00
Town of Gilmanton, support of Mrs. Battis,	33.09
	\$14,412.90

EXPENDITURES.

Payment of orders drawn by selectmen numbered from 1 to 224 inclusive,	\$14,308.34
Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1883,	104.56
	\$14,412.90

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. J. ELLSWORTH, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Nearly all of our schools have been largely successful in their work. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. J. W. Patterson, visited three of our Schools during the winter term, and expressed himself, both publicly and in private, as very highly pleased with them and with their teachers.

Our schools have been successful; but it has been such success only as could be won in the face of very serious obstacles. Almost all our teachers have been burdened with too many classes. Our schools can be classified more closely and with great advantage to the pupils as a whole, but not without slight sacrifices in individual instances. There may be a single pupil in a school so far in advance of the others that he must be put in a class by himself in one or more branches. But in any school, all pupils of nearly the same grade in any study should be put in the same class, and should be kept in the same class unless some very swiftly outstrip the others. But to this end parents must consent that their Mary, who is ten pages ahead of neighbor Brown's John, shall yet be put in a class with John and with John's cousins. Let Mary work all the harder in some other study. In graded schools this matter is strictly regulated. But we often make our ungraded schools much less efficient than they ought to be, by allowing our pupils to study what they please, and to begin where they please.

Your committee is working, little by little, to lead your

schools into better methods and to better results. Some progress has been made in both respects.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The first two terms were taught by Miss Minnie E. Morse. At the close of the first term these results were seen: marked progress on the part of some in reading, good work in geography and arithmetic, and increased attentiveness and power of thought on the part of the little ones. The second term was cut short by the illness of the teacher's father, and I could not see the school at its close, but I have reason to believe that the school was doing excellent work.

The third term was taught by Miss Esther D. Gill. Great improvement was made just where it was most needed. The younger pupils made noteworthy progress in all good ways, especially in reading and in distinctness of articulation. The class in primary arithmetic demonstrated the great advantages of one new method: the keenness and swiftness with which they made and answered questions with their blocks was something wonderful. In all respects the school was satisfactory.

Prof. Jackman has for two terms been giving this school one lesson a week in the Tonic Sol-fa system of vocal music. Miss Gill was able to follow up his instructions with great skill, and the result is very gratifying. It is my judgment that none of our school-money has been spent to better purpose than the trifle which this great gain has cost.

ROLL OF HONOR—THIRD TERM.

Ida James.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The first term was taught by Miss Marian H. Seavey, who had such excellent success with this school last year. I think all the pupils who were at all constant in their attendance made good progress. Good order and a fair degree of earnestness on the part of the pupils, and fidelity on the part of the teacher, could not fail of good results.

The second term was taught by Miss Hannah M. Moores. Only five pupils were present at my last visit, but these had studied hard, and all of them had good results to show. There was evidence of faithfulness on the part of both teacher and pupils. I do not think it would be easy to find five pupils more deserving of praise for their work than these.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Victory A. George,
Mary A. Plumer.

Second Term.

Eddie Gordon.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The three terms were under the instruction of Miss A. L. Flanders. The first term was considerably broken by the illness of several of the pupils, but the final examination showed that good work had been done. The second term was a great gain upon the first, and the last term far outstripped the second. The last examination was a delight. The highest class in reading, a class of ten, is an honor to the town. Here, too, is a class of eight in grammar, who could stand a fire of questions from Prof. Patterson, and come off with honor. This school leads the town in map-drawing. But for sickness the roll of honor for the third term would have had nine names instead of one.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Nettie M. Sargent,
Jessie P. Raymond.

Second Term.

Nettie M. Sargent,
S. Edith Durgin,
Mamie A. Durgin.

Third Term.

Lewis W. Adams.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Both terms were taught by Miss Sarah E. Coffin, a sufficient testimony to her faithful work in this school last year. Little

Mary I. Rand deserves to be put in a special roll of honor for her faithfulness and progress in all her studies. Charlie M. Bowles did remarkably well. Of the older pupils it need only be said that their earnestness was matched by their great success. The amount of work both attempted and done was quite unusual.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Mary H. Choate,
Lizzie M. Choate.

Second Term.

Mary H. Choate,
Lizzie M. Choate,
Mary I. Rand.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The first term was taught by Miss Lizzie C. Smith. Nearly all the pupils had done well,—some of them remarkably well. My last visit was a week earlier than was expected, yet almost all the answers were prompt and correct. The discipline of the school seemed to be excellent. Miss Smith had evidently taught her pupils not merely good manners, but how to practise the law of kindness. I should be glad to give *one* of these pupils a teacher's certificate.

The teacher for the second term was Miss Mina E. Pike. This teacher passed an excellent examination, and, I believe, has many of the finest qualifications of a good teacher. She was earnest and laborious in the school-room. The children responded somewhat to the earnestness of their teacher, and seemed to have made fair progress, but from some cause the teacher had failed in securing the needed discipline. The bright minds in this district need the best possible opportunities.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

George H. Sweatland.

Willie R. Symonds.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Isabel Seavey had charge of both terms. The first term was good. The improvement in all the classes was satisfactory, while some of the classes, as those in reading, did remarkably well.

Cæsar used to form a triple line of battle,—and this was the tactics of the second term: enthusiasm on the part of the teacher, enthusiasm on the part of the pupils, enthusiasm on the part of the parents. Battles fought in the school-room on this plan are always successful. I think we found here the banner class in geography—a class of six in Harper's smaller book. A class in the National Reader rendered Poe's Bells in concert, and did it well. All the results of the year's work were good.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Roberta Atkinson,
Alice Chase,
Ava V. Griffin,
Alice W. Hardy,
Mattie L. Hardy,
Sadie E. McClure,
Eva L. Silver,
George F. Fisher,
Winfred Fisher,
Levi P. Fisher,
Albert S. Hardy.

Second Term.

Ava V. Griffin,
Alice M. Hardy,
Mattie L. Hardy,
Sadie E. McClure,
Eva L. Silver,
Henry D. Chadwick,
Winfred Fisher,
Herbert G. Silver.

In closing, we ought to be thankful for our home talent in teachers, and for the children God has given us. We have children and youth in our schools from whom we confidently expect good and great things. There is also great encouragement for the future of our schools in the rapidly increasing interest and enthusiasm on the part of the parents. A large number of parents and friends were present at several of our final examinations. Of all the towns which I have known, Boscawen is, in this respect, the banner town.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

No. of district.	Term.	Wages per month.	No. of weeks.	Whole number of pupils.	Average attendance.
No. 1.	First.	\$24.00	10	18	17
No. 1.	Second.	24.00	8	23	21.87
No. 1.	Third.	28.00	10	19	17
No. 2.	First.	18.00	10	14	11
No. 2.	Second.	18.00	11.8	15	12.6
No. 3.	First.	24.00	9	19	17
No. 3.	Second.	24.00	10	22	18
No. 3.	Third.	26.00	12	17	14
No. 4.	First.	20.00	10	6	4.32
No. 4.	Second.	20.00	9	6	5.02
No. 5.	First.	21.00	10	14	13.77
No. 5.	Second.	21.00	12	13	11.11
No. 6.	First.	20.00	10	19	18
No. 6.	Second.	22.00	14	20	19

FRANK HALEY,
School Committee.

Boscawen, Feb. 26, 1883.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Your committee is happy to report a more than usually profitable school year. Good teachers have been secured, and much interest has been manifested by the scholars, which is indicative of a good and favorable influence in the homes. Good work is being done, and we may and have a right to expect more.

The best teachers we must have, pay them well, and work them hard.

Judging the future by the past, more work will need to be done, and more care and attention paid to this, our best privilege, so that we may gain and secure the most real benefit possible for our children. No other school can or ever will take the place of the common school; and it is a duty none can shirk

or lay aside, to foster and cherish and encourage, by every means in our power, the promotion of all those interests which are connected with this grand old educational work.

Nothing has occurred during the entire school year to mar the harmony and good feeling which existed between teachers and scholars, and all who have an interest in these schools.

The mothers are entitled to much praise for the care and work they have given in helping their children at home with their lessons and other duties, and much good has come from the interest thus manifested. The scholars are encouraged and the teachers helped more in this way than perhaps we are aware of.

There should have been more visits to the school-rooms, but a fair degree of interest has been shown in this direction. A record is kept by the teachers of each visitor's name, and if it should be published it is to be feared that some who ought to be frequent visitors to the schools would find their names among the missing.

The summer term of the grammar school was taught by Mr. Arthur O. Taylor, who came to us an entire stranger, but who left hosts of friends at the close of his school, which he left to accept the position of principal of an academy in Vermont. As a teacher he was quiet, patient, faithful, and well qualified for his work, and a pleasant and profitable term was the result.

Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 24.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Grace M. Boyce,

Edwin A. Gage,

John E. Hoey,

William G. Mann,

Georgia Lovering,

Mabel Sargent,

Albert P. Wiggin.

The fall term, and the winter term which is still in session, have been taught by Mr. William T. Murray, class of '82, Dartmouth, and he is, as we have a right to expect, a wide-awake, enthusiastic, thorough teacher, willing to work hard himself and as willing that his scholars should do the same, and satisfied with nothing else.

The result cannot be doubtful. A good teacher and a pleasant and profitable school is the unanimous opinion.

Please come to the examinations Thursday and Friday afternoons, March 8th and 9th next, and see for yourselves.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Fall Term.

Grace M. Boyce,
Maud Danforth,
John Chadwick,
John E. Hoey,
William G. Mann,
Harlow Rolfe,
Frank Smalley,
Allie Sweat,
Maggie Spearman,
Mabel Sargent.

Winter Term.

Fannie Huntress,
Mamie Rolfe,
Mabel Sargent,
Emery Wier,
John Wier.

The primary department has been for the entire year in charge of Miss Ella F. Stone, and this completes her 35th consecutive term in the same school—a record which has never been equalled within the knowledge of your committee.

Miss Stone has fully sustained her previous splendid record as a teacher, and it is a pleasure to witness the good order and earnest attention of the pupils, and the thorough work done in her school. Seventy-eight different scholars have attended this school during the year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Mary Couch,
Mary Jones,
Cora Porter,
Emma Duffy,
Mary Maher,
Annie Sweet,
Mary Weir,

Maud Ackerman,
John Spearman,
Harley G. Morse,
Ernest Royce,
Earl Sargent,
Charles M. Boyce,
Joseph Hill,

Harry Lord,
Joseph Oshay,
Henry Sweet,

Dan Webster,
George Bassett,
Henry Gleason.

Second Term.

Annie Sweet,
May Couch,
Bertha Decato,
Mabel Faneuf,
Gracie Kimball,
Mary Kimball,
Cora Porter,
Celia Porter,
Josie Rich,

Annie Berry,
Mary Weir,
George Bassett,
Elmer S. Ellsworth,
Harry Gleason,
Harry Lord,
John Spearman,
Michael Spearman.

Third Term.

Maud Ackerman,
Mary Couch,
Carrie Decato,
Gracie Kimball,
Mary Kimball,
Mary Maher,
Celia Riel,
Mabel Royce,
Emma Pentland,

Geo. Bassett,
Allie G. Howe,
Harry Lord,
Earl Sargent,
John Spearman,
Michael Spearman,
Dan Webster,
Willie Pentland.

J. C. PEARSON,

School Committee.

Fisherville, Feb. 28, 1883.

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